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Washington, D. C.—The 36th session of the American Federation of Labor, which opened in the Lincoln Ballroom at the American Broad-
cast Company last night, included the following outstanding features at the opening of the session:

Outlook for the Future

By BORIS SHISHKIN
APL Economist

What is the outlook for production jobs and wages in the coming winter months? America has completed its first postwar year of readjustment to civilian life and of retooling and refitting its workshops and its work-force to peacetime production.

For the months immediately ahead, the prospect is a bright one. Job opportunities will continue to be plentiful. Many industries have begun to produce more than their full capacity in the current year. In order to get tax breaks from the Government, they have been holding back the full flow of production. After the first of the year they will be ready to go full steam.

From the bottom in the production line will be untraveled and the kinds in the supply of materials and parts will be broadened.

Much of the retooling and migration that has been going on all over the country during the past year will be complete. Many workers will have had their choice of postwar employment in the places where they are ready to settle down and stay.

Most workers will find their going along in making ends meet in the face of high prices. But prices of more and more are likely to reach a measure of stability. With the increased production of goods of competition will begin to let fall.

There are bound to be difficulties and serious disputes in bringing wages in a closer relationship with the higher living costs and in compensating the workers for the loss in purchasing power. But there is a good prospect of working out this problem without far-reaching wage strikes.

It is the policy and the purpose of the American Federation of Labor to keep wages in line with the cost of living. The laborer who cannot maintain the standard of living is not a free man. It will need all must get true cooperation from management. There must be real willingness on the part of employers to recognize workers and their union's representatives as a part of the team that produces goods for all-out peacetime production.

The Economic Axe

By JAMES B. HURNS
President of the American Federation of Government Employees

Government employees are facing one of their most serious problems in many years, the mass discharge of many thousands due to the imposition of per capita ceilings in the government budget. This is a problem that is not new. The bill was an urgently needed measure, and many of our friends worked hard for it and voted for its passage. But the personnel offices have been left with a surplus of thousands of employees who are already too small, they are not needed. The net effect is that the much needed and fully justified pay increases of Government employees have been largely wiped out. The Government is now faced with the problem of how to pay these employees on the basis of their own merit.

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As a result of this well-planned campaign, Government employees have been much maligned. They are accused of being tax-eaters and with cluttering up the payroll, though everyone who is familiar with the facts knows that Government employees generally are a very small part of the total payroll. Would the citizen want to take on his letter carrier? Job for the money the letter carrier gets? Or the job of an attendant in a hospital—sometimes a pretty hazardous job—a whole lot less.

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Labor Day Report

By JOHN P. FREY
President of the AFL Metal Trades Department

On the eve of Labor Day, I want to make a brief report of some outstanding trade-union developments of interest to you and to the American Federation of Labor.

At this moment, the American Federation of Labor is preparing to celebrate its 36th anniversary. It is a day of great significance to the labor movement. It is a day when we should reflect on the progress we have made and the challenges we still face. We should also look forward to the future with confidence and optimism.

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Schwellebach Backs Labor's Aims

As Insurance of Nation's Prosperity

Washington, D. C.—Basic objectives of American organized labor have been defined in a Labor Day nationwide broadcast by Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellebach, who declared that labor's aims are "the things all of us want."

Highlighting the administration's message to the country's army of workers, Schwellebach said that "no labor achieves its basic objectives, the whole Nation cannot fail to prosper."

"They are simple aims, familiar and approved by all of us," he said. "They are the aims of a free, democratic, and just society, efficient in its production of goods and services, and in its distribution of the fruits of its production."

"With the attainment of these things, the benefit of them will flow through every democratic society, not only to the workers, but to the whole Nation."

"The rights to organize and to bargain collectively have become basic concepts in our democracy," he said. "The right to organize and to bargain collectively have become basic concepts in our democracy."

Patterson Tells Electricians' Union

Most War Contractors Were Honest

San Francisco.—Concerning that "mistake was made" many of them," Secretary of War Robert Patterson, in addressing the convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) here, said that the War Department's record in handling 800,000 contractors in a peacetime industry was "excellent."

"In an undertaking as tremendous as this, there have been some cases of incompetence and cases of dishonesty," he said. "But the vast majority of the contractors were honest and did a good job of their work."

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Hannah Asks Labor Unity

To Counter World Crisis

Cleveland.—American Federation of Labor leader William Green said today that the "challenge of tomorrow" is a responsible and patriotic one. He called for a united labor front to meet the challenges of the future.

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America's Now With Night

3rd Week, Green Says

Highlights of Green Message

To Nation on Labor Day

Texas, Okla.—Highlights of AFL President William Green's Labor Day message, broadcast throughout the Nation, follow:

On this Labor Day let us look forward to a better world which we can help to create by our own efforts. In the world we envision, freedom of opportunity will be open to every one, while the fear of poverty will be abolished forever.

It is too much to hope for and strive for? In my opinion, it should be our common objective, rather than the maximum. Unless we attain these goals, we will have nothing. The world of tomorrow must be a world of peace or no world.

There is a basic division today among the Great Powers—a division which affects the smaller nations just as heavily. The United States, Great Britain and other democratic countries are ranged on one side, with Soviet Russia and her satellites in Eastern Europe and the Balkans on the other.

During the war these two groups united to defeat and crush the common enemy of democracy and communism. Stalinism and mistrust are rampant on both sides. Unless something drastic is done about this situation—admittedly a difficult task—the next war will soon be started. This must be prevented at all costs. The people of every country in the world—including Russia—have had their fill of war. They don't want to go to a happy hell.

In view of this universal desire for peace, the undeniable conflict that exists between the democratic nations and the communist nations must be settled without war. To do this, it will be necessary first of all to stop appealing Russia. Appeal must be made to the people of Russia to stop appealing Russia. We must be firm with Russia now or be forced to fight her later.

The American Federation of Labor calls upon our Government to adopt new courses in its dealings with Russia. We want a basic division today among the Great Powers—a division which affects the smaller nations just as heavily. The United States, Great Britain and other democratic countries are ranged on one side, with Soviet Russia and her satellites in Eastern Europe and the Balkans on the other.

We insist on a solemn commitment by every nation to guarantee to its citizens the right to work without any discrimination on the basis of race, color, or religion. We call for the outlawing of slave labor everywhere. We want that the United Nations Organization be strengthened by a provision denying to any nation the right to wage war.

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Communism's conflict with our country is not confined to international affairs. It has invaded our own land, and particularly, the American labor movement. Now that the war is over and the wind from Moscow has changed direction, the Communist-controlled unions of the CIO have returned to the dark days of the 1930s. They are now trying to sabotage the United States of America. They are now trying to sabotage the United States of America.

This situation is becoming increasingly intolerable to loyal American workers. They are now trying to sabotage the United States of America. They are now trying to sabotage the United States of America.

That is the reason for the strong yes in the newspaper headlines that the American Federation of Labor is now trying to sabotage the United States of America. They are now trying to sabotage the United States of America.

Today organized labor needs strength and unity more than ever before. The trade-union movement is being threatened by powerful enemies, not only from within but from without. The forces of fascism in America have been weakened by the war, but they are still a threat. They are still a threat.

The time has come for the labor movement to clean house in Congress and the State Legislatures of lawmakers who are the creatures of political bosses and ignore the welfare of the great mass of the people. We want that the United Nations Organization be strengthened by a provision denying to any nation the right to wage war.

In order to elect a better Congress, the citizens of our country must be well informed. But they must also make certain to register and vote. They must also make certain to register and vote. They must also make certain to register and vote.

Today there are more than 100 million members enrolled in the 100 national and international unions which make up the American Federation of Labor—the greatest membership of any labor organization in the world. We are now trying to sabotage the United States of America. They are now trying to sabotage the United States of America.

Congress has left the big problems of prices and wages in a fearful muddle. It is becoming increasingly apparent that as long as the Federal Government continues to exercise control over prices and wages, it will be a failure. It will be a failure.

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Urges Firm Policy In U. S. Dealings with Soviet Chiefs

Texas, Okla.—AFL President William Green keynoted the Nation's celebration of Labor Day with a notable address here demanding firm measures to end Soviet Russia's threat to world peace and the banishment of Communist influence in the American labor movement.

Once world peace is secure and America can devote its full attention to the needs of the people for the benefit of the people, Mr. Green foresees the coming of the 36th year, for all and the banishment of poverty.

Mr. Green spoke from the pavilion of the State Fair Grounds to a vast audience which had gathered for the celebration of Labor Day. He said that the Nation as a whole over the network of the National Broadcasting

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